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REMARKS

Claims 1 and 3-11 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, the title, the specification, the drawings and claims 1 and 3 are amended. In particular, claim 1 is amended to incorporate the subject matter recited in claim 2. Accordingly, claim 2 is canceled.

Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

The Office Action objects to the drawings, the specification and the title. Figs. 1 and 2, the title and the specification are amended to obviate these objections. Accordingly, withdrawal of the objections to the drawings, the title and the specification is respectfully requested.

The Office Action rejects claims 1-11 under 35 U.S.C. §112, first and second paragraphs. Claim 1 is amended to obviate these rejections. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1-11 under 35 U.S.C. §112, first and second paragraphs, is respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and prompt allowance of claims 1 and 3-11 are earnestly solicited.

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Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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